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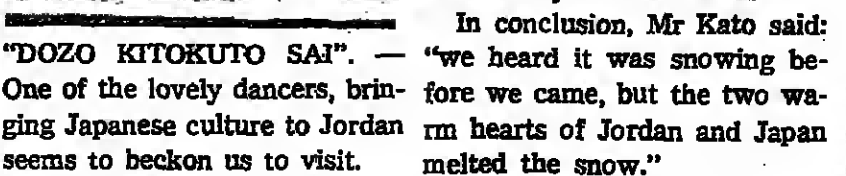


It would serve the American people well to start a little public debate about U.S. policy in the Middle East, and to ask the candidates whether America's long-term interests in the area are best served by being the bulwark of Israeli intransigence, occupation and expansion. If that is what the American people want, let it be stated across the land. But if it is not what they want, then let that also be affirmed by someone other than a handful of polemicists whose guiding beacon is often a popularity poll that effectively smothers the underlying national purpose and national interest of 220 million Americans.

It added, probably the aim is to create friction within the PLO factions who have certain reservations regarding the Jordanian step, or it might be aimed at creating conflict between power behind their initiative.

The paper concluded that the Arabs have to warn of the dangers and consequences of the Zionist acts to peace in the area and the world as a whole.

Galina Shugurova, a student from Omsk, Siberia, is considered an experienced gymnast though she is little more than 20.



In conclusion, Mr Kato said: "we heard it was snowing before we came, but the two warm hearts of Jordan and Japan melted the snow."

League teaming scientist of 11 Afr

Three Arab scientists will visit 11 African countries to carry out economic research and to provide technical assistance within Arab Fund to African Development Bank.

The scientists, who are part of a teaming arrangement with the Arab League, will be working in 11 African countries over a period of three years. The teaming arrangement was one of the results of the Arab League's efforts to promote economic cooperation and development in the Arab world.

Taiwan phosphates to farms

Jordan, Feb. 12, (AFP). — A Jordanian official said that the country has received a large quantity of phosphate fertilizer from Taiwan. The fertilizer is being distributed to farmers in the Jordanian desert to help them grow crops. The official said that the fertilizer is of high quality and that it will be a great help to the farmers.

Israeli Mafat

Israeli Mafat, the state-owned travel agency, has announced that it will be opening offices in several new cities. The offices will be located in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa. Mafat said that the new offices will help it to serve the needs of tourists and business travelers. The agency also said that it will be expanding its services to include more tours and travel packages.



SHOOTOUT. — In Albuquerque, New Mexico, unidentified gunmen started a shootout with sheriff's deputies Thursday near the city's downtown business district. A wounded bystander is shown being led away by police, while a second injured man lies on the ground at left. The cause of the shootout was not immediately known. (AP wirephoto).

Mrs. Binh: U.S. should contribute to repairing Vietnam war damage

PARIS, Feb. 12, (AFP). — Mrs. Binh, a South Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government Foreign Minister, today called on the United States to apply the 1973 Paris peace agreement and contribute to repairing Vietnamese war damage.

Mrs. Binh told Agence France-Presse that although some clauses of the agreement were no longer applicable, the basic principles should be respected. In Paris for the recent 22nd French Communist Party congress, Mrs. Binh also urged Washington to lift its trade embargo on Vietnam.

"We are fulfilling our undertakings, and the United States should do the same," she said.

"One only has to look at their attitude at the United Nations, where, on two occasions, and against the unanimity of the other countries, they opposed the admission of the two Vietnamese governments," she said.

On the reunification of the two Vietnams, Mrs. Binh recalled that general elections will take place on April 25, but there would not be time to form a government between then and April 30, "when the first

Iraqis discover 9th century BC inscribed tablets

BAGHDAD, Feb. 12, (R). — An Iraqi archaeological team has found several alabaster tablets with inscriptions dating back to the ninth century B.C. in northern Iraq, it was announced here today.

Some recorded the achievements and conquests of King Ashur the Second, who ruled the Assyrian Kingdom at the time, the announcement said.

Cups and urns of ivory, decorated with legendary figures and some inlaid with gold or gems, were also found at a section of the royal palace at Nimrod, in the northern province of Nineveh.

The team also discovered caskets for jewellery and perfume vessels.

Thais affirm U.S. troop pullout

BANGKOK, Feb. 12, (AFP). — Thai Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Pramarn Adireksarn today assured that all U.S. combat troops will be withdrawn from Thai soil by March 20.

Maj. Gen. Pramarn was commenting on a report that some American military personnel would stay on in Thailand as "advisers" after the March 20 deadline.

Little prospect for early reopening of American military bases in Turkey

ANKARA, Feb. 12, (R). — Despite months of intensive bargaining Turkey and the United States are still deeply divided on how the 26 American bases closed down by Ankara last July should be reopened.

The issue has badly strained relations between Washington and Turkey.

Mr. Caglayangil postponed his proposed visit to Washington and informed sources said it appeared that the two sides were still far apart.

The Turkish foreign minister feared his talks would achieve nothing, and he did not want to return empty handed the sources said.

The postponement dimmed the prospects for a quick reopening of the bases.

Several issues remain to be solved, but the key question is money, reliably sources said, Turkey wants \$ 1.5 billion spread over three years before it allows the bases to reopen, but President Ford's administration feels it cannot ask Congress for more than \$ 1 billion spread over five years.

Complicating the issue is the duel between Dr. Kissinger and Congress over who should run U.S. foreign policy.

U.S. sources said Dr. Kissinger would need Turkish guarantees of progress on the Cyprus issue if he was to persuade Congress to approve future military aid for Turkey. As things stand, the prospects for rapid progress to solve the island's problems look dim.

Turkey closed down the installations out of anger at Congress's refusal to lift the arms embargo it imposed almost exactly one year ago in a

ly lifted, and since then, informed sources said, there had been an agreement in principle on parts of a 25-article draft agreement.

This accord states that the bases, formerly termed joint installations will now be exclusively Turkish with American troops subordinate to Turkish officers, informed sources said.

If the two ministers cannot strike a bargain over the money, it is difficult to see how the bases could be re-opened.

This raises the possibility of an American pullout that would fit the pattern of waning U.S. influence on NATO's divided south-eastern flank, observers said.

Turkey also wants the U.S. to guarantee that it will not impose its arms embargo.

U.S. negotiators have said Congress is free to halt overseas expenditure at will, and

Dr. Kissinger had been expected to tell Mr. Caglayangil that the price of Congressional goodwill was a softer Turkish line on Cyprus.

Turkey has repeatedly said it is ready for what it calls "meaningful negotiations" on all issues with the Greek side, an obtuse formula intended to indicate that Greek demands for territorial concessions will be part of an eventual solution.

But even before Mr. Caglayangil delayed his visit to Washington, a new dispute broke out with Athens that appeared to threaten the tenuous agreement he reached with the Greeks to resume the stalled Cyprus peace talks.

The Turks claim this pact, struck in Brussels last December between the Foreign Minister of the two hostile allies, provides for the negotiations to resume without preconditions and with no single issue taking priority.

The Greeks argue that territorial concessions by the Turks—whose troops are still occupying the north of the island—should head the agenda when negotiations resume in Vienna on February 17.

The decision by two Congressional committees to make a resumption of military aid dependent on progress towards a Cyprus solution has made this situation even more delicate, observers said.

In the past, U.S. pressure on Turkey has elicited only a toughening of Ankara's line and this pattern will probably be repeated if Congress approves the committee's recommendations.

Even if the bases reopen, the strains produced by the close-down are likely to continue.

Informed sources said Turkey wanted a bigger share of intelligence material gathered and greater access to the secret eaves dropping devices at the bases so that Turkish technicians could be trained to replace the Americans.

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The magic and grace of Japanese classical dance comes to Amman

Riad 4, (JT). — Japanese dances and songs last week delighted spectators at the ball of the Hussein Foundation in Amman.

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His Majesty King Hussein conferred upon the dancers the Kawwak Medal, 1st order.

From here the Japan group will visit Iraq, Sudan and Libya.

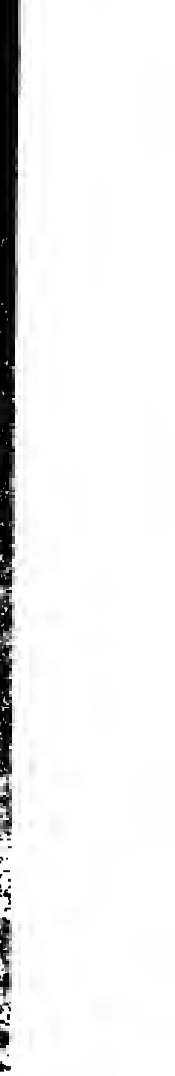
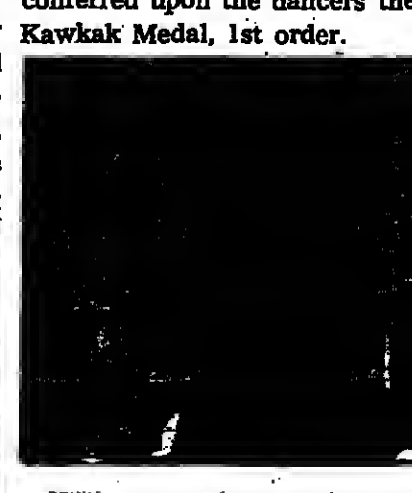
Photos show some of the nine different dancers performed and an array of stunning costumes.

Mr. Kimura added that his troupe gives annual performances in Tokyo every spring.

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New power source for Jordan

By Liza Gress

Special to the Jordan Times

Solar energy could make Jordan the centre of an energy pool for other Middle Eastern and African countries, and it will be the pioneer of highly complicated and advanced technology.

The Middle East Studies Centre in Rome, alongside all its cultural activities, runs large experimental laboratories.

Here they are awaiting approval by the Jordanian Government so that they can start to establish.

Solar Plants here in Jordan with the co-operation of the Jordanian Royal Scientific Society.

They hope to be able to set up systems to convert solar energy into other forms of energy, namely electricity, and this will help future developments in Jordan, as there will then be no more cause to be hampered by lack of fuel. This is the opinion of the director of the Middle East Studies Centre, Mr. Giovanni du Jardin.

Thus Jordan would not have to depend on Arab or foreign sources for its energy needs.

The availability of large quantities of solar energy, is an essential condition for the development of industries and agriculture.

Belgium pledges opposition to EEC directorate system

BRUSSELS, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Belgium will never agree to a "Directorate" system for running the European Common Market, Foreign Minister Renaat Van Elslande said today.

Commenting on the idea, originating in France, that the community it should be run in this way, he told the Senate Foreign Affairs committee: "The Belgian government could never agree to any directorate formula."

The Senate committee approved this statement by the Foreign Minister.

Earlier, government officials had shown reluctance to comment on the idea, but observers recalled that Belgium had been firmly against it in the past.

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

STUTTGART. — The Daimler Benz motor firm turned out 350,098 cars last year, 3 per cent more than in 1974. In 10 years Daimler Benz had doubled its output, whereas West German Motor manufacturer German Motor manufacturers as a whole had stepped up theirs by only 6 per cent.

WASHINGTON. — Fifty Dakota farmers have started a 10-day "strike" refusing to sell wheat, in protest against falling market prices. North Dakota is one of the main wheat growing areas.

TANANARIVE. — Iron deposits at Soalala on Madagascar's West coast will be a profitable commercial venture, two French mining specialists said. Meanwhile, a Japanese company, is planning to import between 40,000 and 50,000 tons of chromite from Madagascar.

JAKARTA. — Indonesian oil exports could not be expected to increase by more than 10 per cent this year because of slow world economic growth, according to Mining Minister Mohammad Sadli.

SINGAPORE. — The Straits Times group today announced plans for a daily business and financial newspaper, and the group editor said co-operation with the Wall Street Journal was a possibility. The editor, T.S. Khoo, said it was hoped to bring out the new paper before the end of the year.

Water pumping, especially in semi-desert areas, irrigation plants and desalination of seawater could all run on solar energy says Mr. du Jardin.

Solar energy plants have also the advantage of operating without producing pollution of any kind, unlike other energy plants.

Mr. du Jardin further said that the solar laboratories will be built by Jordanians while the centre will provide engineers and experts. That is the technology will be completely transferred from Italian to Jordanian staff.

India sells bitumen to Kuwaitis

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Kuwait is to import some \$4 million worth of bitumen from India during the current year, the Economic Times reported here today.

This will be the first time that India will have exported petroleum products to a Gulf country.

The initial contract of 10,000 tons of bitumen to Kuwait will serve as a blessing in disguise for India, since there has been a sharp decline in the consumption of this item owing to a slowdown in road building activity in this country. As a result the refineries have been faced with a serious storage problem.

Quoting authoritative sources, the paper said, apart from Kuwait, with which the first contract has already been signed, some more countries have shown interest in buying bitumen from India.

Against 800,000 tons of bitumen produced in India last year, production during the current year will be about 1,000,000 tons, the paper said.

Canada shows little enthusiasm for new EEC tariff ideas

OTTAWA, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Canada has made no promise to the (EEC) that it will lift price discrimination affecting foreign buyers of Canadian natural resources, External Affairs Secretary Allan MacEachen told Parliament.

The Conservative (Opposition) leader Robert Uofield, denied that Canada had made such a promise in return for EEC agreement to start negotiations on an economic and trade co-operation deal.

Mr. MacEachen said however that Canada did not rule out the possibility of the EEC countries having certain guarantees on purchasing Canadian raw materials.

Negotiations between the EEC and Canada should begin late this month or early in March.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed easier Thursday and at 15:00 the F.T. Index was down 0.7 at 399.6.

Interest was owing to investor caution in front of the government's measures to reduce unemployment.

Government bonds showed on balance falls of up to 5/8 point unsettled by the continued weakness of sterling.

Leading industrials, oils and banks were all narrowly lower.

Gold shares fluctuated with the bullion price and ended narrowly mixed. Dollar stocks were also mixed while Australians firmed slightly.

Losses of 3p to 4p were seen in Fisons, Glaxo, GKN, Hawker Siddeley and Unilever, while Courtaulds and Dunlop each gained 1p.

Among financials Dalgety rose 12p following press comment on its results.

Tins advanced further.

The research for solar energy plants has been done in Italy with particular concern for the problems here in Jordan.

The Middle East Studies Centre aims says Mr. du Jardin to coordinate scientific, economic cultural and artistic activities between Europe and the Arab countries. Mr. du Jardin is here to follow up both the solar energy project and several cultural activities at present under way in the Centre.

For one thing the Centre hopes to provide professional musicians for the Jordanian Symphony Orchestra.

The collaboration between the Centre and Jordan has to date been most productive and no doubt both sides wish this to continue.

More orders for European tiptoe jet

The French airline Air Alsace has become the third operator to choose Europe's latest jetliner—the 44-seat Rolls-Royce-powered VFW 614.

Rolls-Royce announced in London that Air Alsace had booked three of the twin-jet short haul airliners for service over the next three years. The first will be delivered to the Colmar airline base at Colmar in two months' time.

The new order is believed to be worth some £2.4 million to

Officials uncover Iranian sugar frauds with U.K. firm

TEHERAN, Feb. 12, (AFP). — Iranian officials carried out fraudulent operations over cereal imports as well as sugar purchases as reported earlier this week, the French-language journal De Teheran reported today.

It said the amount of money involved was "about the same or even greater" than that in the sugar swindles.

The Iranian government has now decided to check all the orders for food supplies from abroad placed within the past two years and worth tens of millions of dollars, including at least three million tons of wheat, informed sources said.

The investigation is part of the Shah's anti-corruption programme announced two weeks ago, which resulted in the arrest this week of two Iranian Trade Ministry undersecretaries on charges of negligence concerning vast government purchases of sugar from the British firm Tate and Lyle.

They were accused of collaborating with two British executives of the company to sell the sugar to Iran at a price higher than that paid on the world market.

According to the Inspector at the Imperial Court, the fraud cost the government an estimated \$45 million.

Under a contract signed in



ENERGY TALKS. — As the north-south dialogue talks got underway in Paris this week, the energy commission co-chairmen are pictured at the start of their group's meetings Thursday. They are Stephen Bosworth (gesturing) of the U.S., and next to him at the table Mr. M. Taher of Saudi Arabia. (AP wirephoto).

Rolls-Royce and the French Snecma engine company who have jointly developed the plane's M-45H jet.

Air Alsace joins the Danish Cimber Air and French Touraine Air Transport airlines as customers for the VFW-614. The new planes have been ordered as replacements for two Nord 262s and two Corvettes.

Air Alsace operates services between Strasbourg and Amsterdam and Strasbourg and

London on behalf of Air France as well as its own network.

The 614 is the first plane to adopt the new M45H turbofan which has a takeoff thrust of 33.8 kN, is of modular construction and shares some characteristics with the larger, advanced technology RB-211 jet used to power the Lockheed Tri Star Airbus.

On the VFW the engines are above the wing—an unusual arrangement which offers aerodynamic advantages and makes the engine less likely to suck stones or other objects from the runway. Once airborne, the wing shields of the ground from the noise of the engines.

From the start the engine has shown ability to produce noise levels significantly below those specified in new noise regulations, without the use of acoustic lining. Tests have confirmed Rolls-Royce's claim that it is now the quietest fan engine in service.

The engine was given its flight certificate in August 1974. A total of 30 engines have been built and the first production 614 was banded over to Cimber Air in August last year.

Finally, when the sugar was delivered, it was found to be of lower quality than that specified in the contracts, it said.

The Inspector's office went on to say that a long term agreement between the government and Tate and Lyle required the firm to give advice on developments in the sugar market and to say when was the most advantageous moment to buy.

It accused an official of the company, M.C.A. Paul, of falsifying documents in complicity with the two accused undersecretaries.

Iran delays line of credit to U.K.

TEHERAN, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Payment of a \$400 million sum by Iran to Britain as part of a \$1.2 billion line of credit will be postponed until the second half of this year, the Finance Ministry announced here today.

The \$400 million will be handed over in two phases on June 30 and Sept. 30. The amount, like an earlier \$300 million, will be allotted to the British Water Board.

The postponement of the second sum is considered to reflect a drop in Iranian oil revenue. Iran has \$7 billion in reserves, equivalent to six months' import.

Small car trend slows U.S. makers report

DETROIT, Feb. 12, (AFP). —The American motor industry sat up with a start this week to find that the small car boom of the past two years is over.

Some people in Detroit were reluctant to say definitely that the small car boom had ended, but a gathering of dealers in Las Vegas this week brought confirmation.

The industry is now reorganising production programmes to satisfy a growing demand for so-called "intermediate" and "standard" models.

The sub-compact car, such as the Ford Pinto, the General Motors Vega and the American Motors Pacer, is selling very badly at the moment.

The same applies to the General Motors "Mini-car" called the Chevette. Only 11,700 units were sold in January, and in its first year this model will certainly not total 275,000 which was the forecast made earlier by the Chevrolet division of G.M.

The small foreign cars are doing badly, too, with January sales down 21 per cent on a year earlier. Last month, foreign cars won only 13.4 per cent of the U.S. market against 19.8 per cent a year ago.

In contrast, American motorists are going for medium sized cars like the Oldsmobile Cutlass, the Ford Granada and the New Plymouth Volare.

The market share for small cars rose from 40 to 50 per cent in a two year period, but the increase has been slower lately. Now, according to dealers, there is no visible increase in market share for these small vehicles.

Marketing experts see a number of reasons for the changing business pattern. One reason is the return to the market of the big car buyer, who has been holding off for two years.

Another explanation is that the selling price of gasoline has been kept down in recent months, which was something that some experts had predicted. In fact, the motorist's fuel costs

have tended to fall as technical improvements in engines.

A further aspect is Americans still like the "fort plus safety" advantage of larger automobiles, to one big dealer.

Manufacturers are admit that they over the 1976 small car and they are now h adapt themselves.

This goes some way explaining the closure this month and next of Ford and General Motors. Ford and General Motors, while car are trying to get rid of compacts clogging up overflows.

According to some Detroit, Ford and Ch particularly pleased a new trend, because it ted less on small General Motors did.

The present situation, in theory, makers, including Fr nault which has just its tiny "R-5" in th States.

Even so, Detroit still tend to believe t erall shift to small continue for some year, even if sub-con pick up a little a fe from now.

Exchange R

Following are the Amman exchange rates close of the business today. The two figures buying and selling pri danian fils:

U.S. dollar : 327—
U.K. sterling : 666—
German mark : 12—
Swiss franc : 128.0—
French franc : 73.7—
Italian lira : 43.1—
Syrian pound : 85.1—
Egyptian pound : 4—
Iraqi dinar : 902—
Kuwaiti dinar : 112—
Libyan dinar : 700—
Lebanese pound : 13—
Algerian dinar : 43—
Saudi riyal : 92.7—
UAE dirham : 81.7—

Economic analysis

U.K. economy prepares for upswing

LONDON, Feb. 11, (LPS). — The traditional observation that the night is darkest just before dawn may apply to the British economy in these early weeks of 1976. Unemployment has risen to a post-war peak and at the latest count was equivalent to more than 5.2 per cent of the labour force, after allowing for seasonal factors.

Notified vacancies are at a corresponding nadir. Industrial production is still falling. There is, as yet, no sign of an uplift in new investment plans of British industry. The rise in the cost of living has clearly begun to outpace that in earnings and the indicated fall in real incomes bears no glad tidings for a revival in domestic demand.

There can be no long term solution of the unemployment problem until the rate of inflation has been brought down to more acceptable figures.

On this score there is satisfactory progress to report. The flat-rate limit on wage increases is holding. Discussion has already begun on the next stage of the wage restraint policy.

The important point is that with very few exceptions, trade union leaders have accepted the principle of a wage restraint policy. For the time being "free collective wage bargaining" has taken a back seat.

The effect of wage restraint

on prices is becoming increasingly apparent. The rise in the cost of living which was running at an annual rate of 34.8 per cent over the first half of 1975 was reduced to little more than 14 per cent over the second half - still too high by any standard and especially by comparison with other major industrial countries, but moving in the right direction.

In order to assist this trend and to provide the appropriate climate for the prolongation of the Government's wages policy, steps have been taken to limit price increases on a range of goods accounting for between 15 and 20 per cent of consumer expenditure.

The success of these endeavours to deal with inflation by way of direct controls of incomes and prices must depend on much more fundamental correctives being applied through monetary and fiscal policies.

But at least it can be claimed first that in the coming year the proportion of this deficit to the national income is likely to be reduced from 13 to 11 sums are in large part being financed in an unprofitable way — out of savings.

Let us consider the latter: the most remarkable feature of the economic scene in Britain during the past two months has been the persistent and substantial demand from investors, ng to appear.

institutional and private government securities, timated that since mid-er 1975 the Government sold about £3,000 million securities to of government stock exhausted.

Despite these heavy price at which these have been sold has ste proved. The "gilt edge" in the Stock Exchange spired most other se the market. Whatever said of other aspects o onomic scene the new opened huoyantly in ti cial markets - and ets have a well deserv tation for "nosing" th trend of the economy.

Because the fall in rest rates has been pa international movement had little effect on it of sterling in the foreign market. In fact has improved during month owing partly to action in the external deficit and to growing ess that by the end of t the flow of North Sea be making a major im, the balance of payment

The economic scene ain is still littered with problems and difficulties in these early weeks c redeeming features are t ng to appear.

Putting bacteria to work to save energy

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A further shortage of fossil fuels has upset the economies of many countries and caused mining concerns to take a look at unorthodox processes that might be more economical. This has led to growing interest in the use of metallic ores with bacteria which oxidize sulphides.

the reactions performed by such bacteria, and the fact that the sulphates so produced easily ionize in solution, have contributed much to the geological history of the Earth.

Such bacteria, already used in low-grade operations in the USA and Canada, work at a temperature of around 30°C, which makes them exceedingly economical in the use of energy. But the slowness with which they work has remained the snag.

Mr. Norman Le Roux, head of the Microbial Metals Processing section of the British Government's Warren Spring Laboratory at Stevenage, had the bright idea of seeing whether, possibly, similar bacteria could be found which did the same job at higher temperatures and so, because most reactions in most living things speed up as it gets hotter, might do their work faster.

Mr. Le Roux contacted a London medical research worker, Dr. Tony Williams, who was organizing a scientific expedition to Iceland in 1974. Dr. Williams planned to collect bacteria from the hot springs which are common in that volcanic region.

His research interest was how bacteria, living in springs at temperatures from 50°C to 60°C, manage to protect their cell proteins from fatal denaturing. Mr. Le Roux, of course, had quite a different interest: he wanted to see if strains of bacteria like 'thiobacillus oxidans' existed in hot springs and, if so, whether they metabolized and so oxidized faster. For this reason, Dr. Williams was asked to return samples of water and sludge from springs in areas where sulphide ores were common.

When the samples arrived at Warren Spring, Mr. Le Roux found a rich harvest. Nine out of ten samples contained sulphide-oxidizing bacteria, all working three to four times faster than mesophilic bacteria (those that work around 30°C). The high temperature or thermophilic bacteria contained strains able to oxidize sulphides of nickel (a distinctly promising result), uranium (fairly promising), zinc (possible) and copper (a distant possibility). This was certainly a good start. But we may well ask if, in energy terms, the use of thermophilic bacteria is not self-defeating. Expensive energy must surely be expended to heat them, as well as the ore they work in, up to their working temperature. But in fact, because the oxidizing reaction is exothermic, it gives out much of the heat required once it is well under way.

Insulation is needed for efficient operation, of course, but on the other hand the tank space involved is reduced by some 65 to 75 per cent because the process goes much faster than that using mesophilic bacteria.

The rapid exhaustion of rich, easily-accessible deposits of some metals also means that mining organizations are turning their attention increasingly to the spoil heaps of ore and discard, previously considered too low in grade to be worth exploiting.

Solutions containing oxidizing bacteria, together perhaps with chemical reagents, can be run directly through spoil heaps in a continuous extraction process. The next stage should involve a search for further strains of thermophilic oxidizing bacteria. Meanwhile, Mr. Le Roux and his team are engaged in a thorough economic assessment of the entire process of using such bacteria for the extraction of several different metals.

While it is too early to anticipate the results of this analysis, which should be complete in about six months, he is already prepared to say, cautiously, that the first indications are promising. Time is on the side of bacterial ore processing, and coming developments in microbiology may help as much as economic factors.



Members of Mr. La Roux's team examine a bacteria and ore sample, which is to be analysed for the increase in sulphate content.

Tonight's TV Features

A FAMILY AT WAR
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May 1941: The blitz on Liverpool has brought the war very near home for the Ashtons, including Robert home on leave.

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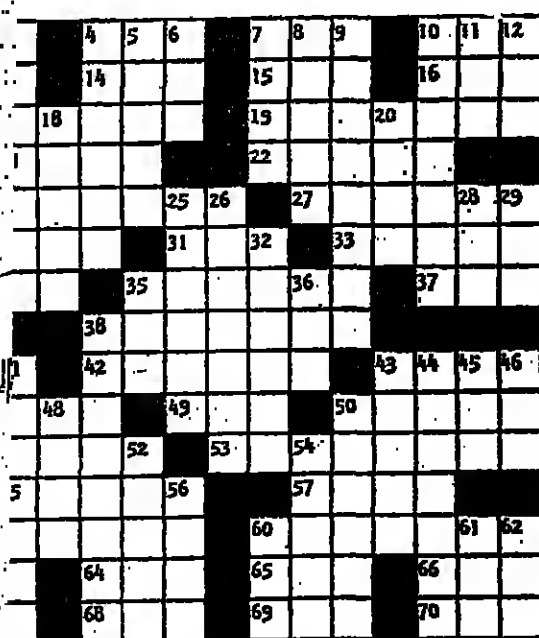
Columbo, on vacation in Mexico gets involved in a car accident. He gets acquainted with the chief of police and helps him solve the case of a murdered treader.

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Sandy discovers a \$10,000 surplus in her bank account. The bank refuses to take it back for reasons unknown to her.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Horse parlor transaction
- 4 Health resort
- 7 Melody
- 10 Precious stone
- 13 Boat blade
- 14 Frigate hand
- 15 Great poet
- 16 Salty relish
- 17 Gift
- 19 Participant
- 21 Ointment
- 22 Alluring lady
- 23 Implores
- 27 Doggy
- 30 Merchandise
- 31 Do sewing
- 33 Animal shelters
- 34 Possesses
- 35 Templo fare
- 37 Ram's mate
- 38 Israelite tribe
- 39 Miserables
- 42 Thoroughfare
- 43 Post
- 47 Record
- 49 Speroid fish
- 50 Divide
- 51 Perfect types
- 53 Rumored
- 55 Man from Malaya
- 57 American redman
- 58 Sweet pepper
- 60 Forsakes
- 63 The Beaver State: Abbr.
- 64 Strong drink
- 65 Prayer
- 66 Epoch
- 67 Standard amount
- 68 Compass point
- 69 Water or flower
- 70 Immerse

DOWN

- 1 Form of jazz
- 2 Trumpet
- 3 New Jersey capital
- 4 Cubic meters
- 5 Bearlike mammal
- 6 Skill
- 7 Simians
- 8 Architectural style
- 9 Goes back over
- 10 Hard rock
- 11 Long period
- 12 Encountered
- 18 Chalcedonies
- 20 Western resort
- 23 Conceit
- 24 Today
- 25 Scottish lords
- 26 Study group
- 28 Delhi
- 29 Language suffix
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- 35 Hebrew letter
- 36 Shelter
- 38 Little dear ones
- 39 Garland
- 40 Gridiron man
- 41 Trunk
- 43 Antoinette



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Arabic feature	21.10 Family at war
Cartoons	22.00 News in English
Soccer match	22.15 Columbo (on both channels)
Religious programme	
News in Arabic	

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7.30 News Bulletin	
7.45 Morning Melodies	
8.00 Pop International	
8.30 Listener's choice	
10.00 Sign off	
12.00 Pop session (part I)	
13.00 News Summary	
13.03 Pop session (part II)	
14.00 News Bulletin	
14.10 Break for music	
14.30 Songs	
15.00 Classical Music	
15.30 Light Instrumentals	
16.00 Old Favourites	
16.30 Easy listening	
17.00 Opera in Germany	
17.30 Book Review	
18.00 News Summary	
18.05 News Reports Roundup	
18.30 Good Vibrations	
19.00 News Bulletin	
19.10 Songs	
19.30 Sign off.	

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Carrots (Black) 60-90	
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Cucumbers (Large) 140-180	
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Schmidt-Giscard talks start amid European moves to halt speculation

NICE, South France, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Top-level Franco-German consultations began here today against a backdrop of continued speculation on revaluation of the West German mark, which put further pressure on the French franc.

Dealers in Frankfurt and Paris said the West German and French Central Banks spent an estimated 100 million dollars today in an effort to keep the franc from sinking to its floor against the mark inside the European collective float or "snake".

Morocco takes key West Sahara post

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mez de Zalazar had ended his duties in the Sahara after five years as governor of the Sahara.

On the other hand Mr. Ahmed Mahjoub, a member of the Polisario's Foreign Relations Committee, told a press conference in Beirut that the issue was between the Moroccan and Mauritanian states, and the Saharan people, led by the Polisario. "Any Arab or foreign mediation that does not seek a substantive solution to the issue by sending the invading troops back to where they came from and allowing the Arab people in the Western Sahara to determine their future is doomed to failure," he said.

Meanwhile the O.A.U. Secretary-General William Eteki Mboumoua arrived last night in Casablanca from Algiers where he had three days of talks on the Western Sahara problem and met head of state Houari Boumediene.

Mr. Mboumoua also met representatives of Polisario.

In Casablanca he said the O.A.U. could "not remain indifferent to the tension existing in the Maghreb and he thought it is his duty to visit the region to see things for himself."

Meanwhile Algerian head of state Houari Boumediene arrived in Tripoli, Libya, for what informed sources said would be talks on the Western Sahara dispute with Libyan leader Moammar Kadhafi.

Colonel Kadhafi took Algeria's side in its dispute over the Western Sahara with Morocco and Mauritania after talks at Hassi Messaoud last month with President Boumediene.

The visit followed an Algerian government statement last night that mediation efforts by Arab and African countries in the dispute had broken down and there was now a risk of war with Morocco.



Mr. Helmut Schmidt

Their meeting was scheduled well ahead of the start of turbulence on the foreign exchanges three weeks ago, as part of the regular twice-yearly consultations held by French and West German leaders since the signing of a bilateral friendship treaty in 1963.



Mr. Giscard d'Estaing

But informed sources said both sides had come to the meeting with plans for steps to break the back of the monetary speculation.

MPLA victory brings wide recognition

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said, had been imposed by Cuban and Soviet force. UNITA "Foreign Secretary" Jorge Sangumba has said that the United States should use its influence to see that Soviet and Cuban troops leave Angola.

"Angola is not Vietnam," he said in a letter to the International Herald Tribune in Paris. "We do not want U.S. forces to come and fight for us. What we need is that the United States uses its influence to demand that the Soviets and Cubans leave our country and let us, Angolans, solve our own problems."

Portuguese Socialist Party leader Mario Soares in Vienna today called for national and in-

ternational discussions to bring peace to Angola and prevent it being turned into a new Vietnam.

As usual, there was no formal agenda for the summit, which also brought together about 15 French and West German ministers, but it had been reported both in Bonn and Paris ahead of the talks here that the two statesmen would discuss the monetary situation as part of their talks on European problems. President Giscard d'Estaing made no comment on monetary developments when he met newsmen briefly before lunch. He showed himself more concerned about the inability of the nine member countries of the European Economic Community to make their voice heard on the world political scene.

Questioned by journalists, he made it clear he was worried about the absence of joint action by EEC countries on the world scene, including their inability to take initiatives together on the Angolan conflict.

Doping incidents overshadow Innsbruck Olympic Games

INNSBRUCK, Feb. 12, (R). — The Winter Olympics were hit today by a second doping row over East European efforts to combat the influenza which has swept through most teams here.

The Czechoslovak ice hockey team was deprived of its victory over Poland on Tuesday because its captain and defence stalwart Frantisek Pospisil failed

ed to pass a doping test after taking cold pills administered by his team doctor.

Earlier the International Olympic Committee (IOC) took away a bronze medal from the Soviet Union's greatest women cross-country skier, Galina Kulakova, for a similar reason.

In both cases, the IOC medical commission ruled there were extenuating circumstances and allowed the athletes concerned to return to competition.

Miss Kulakova used nasal drops for her cold the night before the five-kilometre event last Saturday, without realising they contained a banned substance.

In a related development, Arab delegates at the United Nations held a meeting at the Arab League office in New York to discuss the latest Zionist plans aiming at Judaizing the Aqsa Mosque and to coordinate the Arab delegates at the U.N.

The Palestine Committee comprising Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and the PLO is planning to lodge a formal complaint with the Security Council.

The Arab group stressed the need to launch an information campaign and to contact friendly nations and Islamic states throughout the world to counter the Zionist moves to alter the holy status of Al Aqsa Mosque.

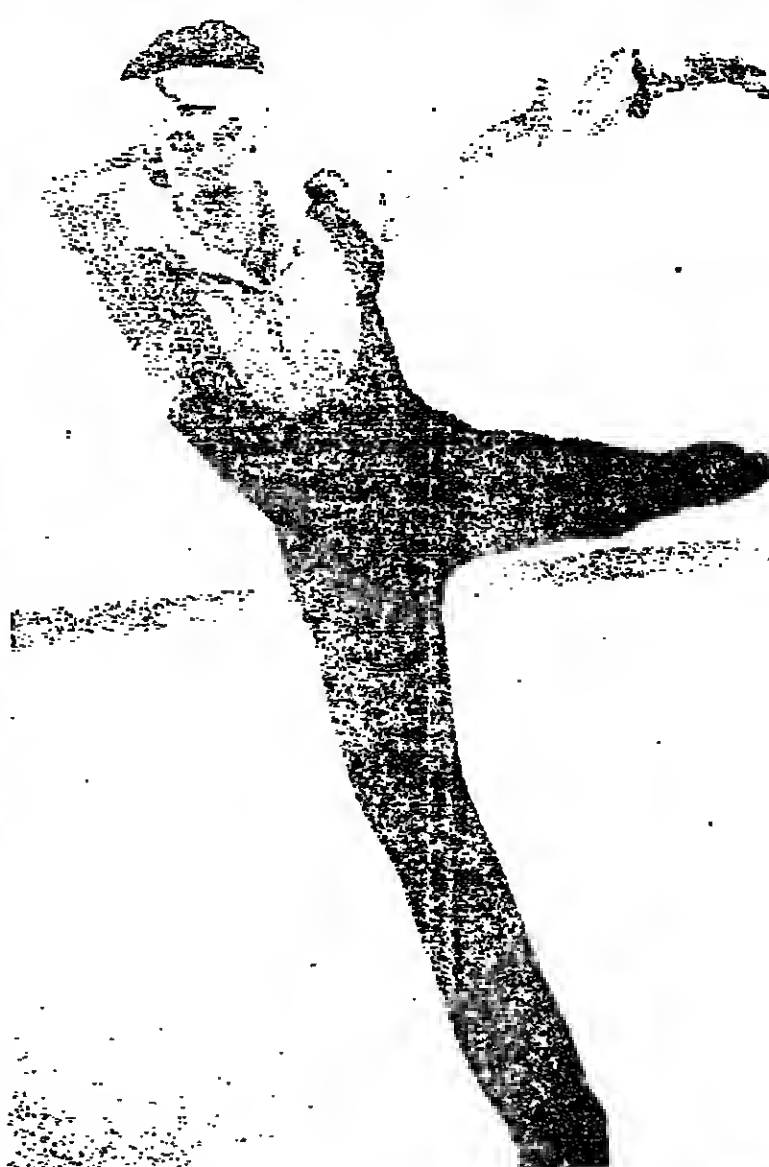
New Moro cabinet ends Italy's crisis

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only two major changes his new cabinet—the fifth he has headed—bringing in two "technocrats" at the finance and justice ministries.

He immediately came under fire from the rank and file of his own party for—in the words of one parliamentarian—maintaining the party's "internal oligarchy."

The parliamentarian, Signor Michele Zolla, charged today that Signor Moro had failed to heed the rank and file's demands for radical changes at the top.



GRACEFUL BRITON. — John Curry, British figure skater, shows his style during Wednesday's Olympic competition in Innsbruck. His brilliant performance won him the gold medal, the first time it has gone to a Briton. (AP wirephoto).

Floods cause serious damage in Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 12 (R). — Floods submerged thousands of square miles of farming land and threatened isolated farms and towns in three Australian states today.

There were no reported fatalities but government officials estimated that damage to livestock and property would run into millions of dollars.

Sandbags were flown in to buttress sagging banks along swollen rivers stretching from Queensland state in the north east of the state of South Australia.

Emergency services described the situation as critical and evacuated eight towns in the northern sector of New South Wales.

Troops there worked frantically in one area to take 1,200 residents to temporary shelter on higher ground. At least 500 more rescuers, including bush-fire brigades, police and ambulance services, used helicopters, boats and four-wheel drive vehicles to rush in supplies and sandbags.

Along the Queensland border New South Wales, power-rage facilities were reported dozens of towns as local called for the area to be a disaster zone.

Some residents of the cl which (pop: 50,000), 25 m west of Brisbane fled homes before the flood which were reported adv the state capital.

The President of The Grain Growers' Association, Price, estimated that damage to summer crops more than 10 million dollars.

In New South Wales culture Minister Bruce Cowed tonight that the loss of stock in the floods—among here since 1890.

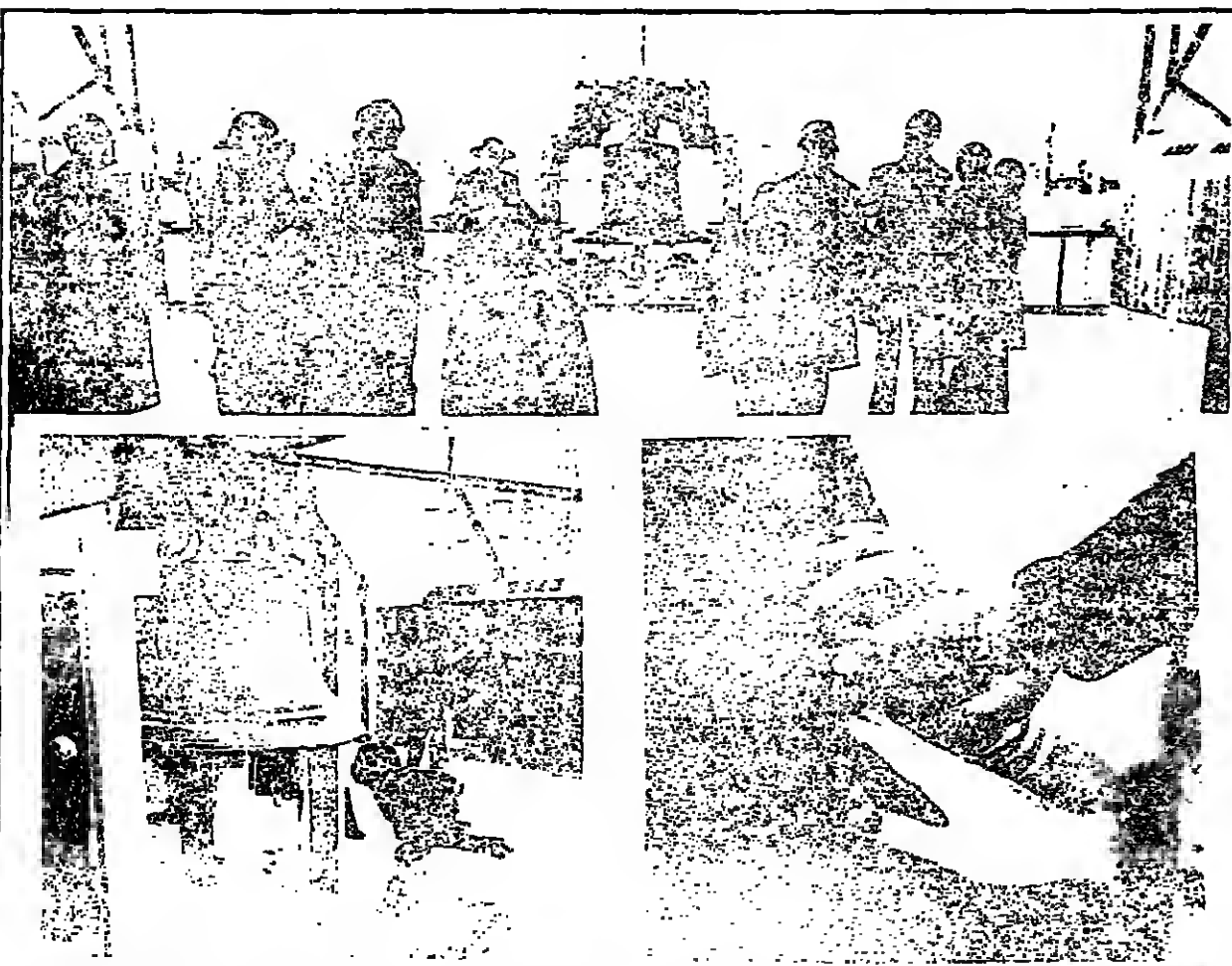
Avalanches kill in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Feb. 12 — A total of 27 villages today when avalanche down on two mountain in Bitlis province in Turkey.

The latest avalanche brought to 121 the number of persons who have died or have been killed by ches since the cold wave the beginning of Janu

The governor of Bit vince, Fuat Capanoglu bodies were recovered f houses destroyed by anche in the village of kanat and that six per been killed and three c jured by an avalanche hit the village of Kar

It was learned, that rescue parties had ed to reach 40 persons by snow in a bus sin nesday.



NEW HOME FOR LIBERTY BELL. — With a record number of visitors expected in Philadelphia during this Bicentennial Year, one of America's most cherished and historic objects has been given a new home. The Liberty Bell has been moved from Independence Hall across the mall to a modern structure. It has long been a favourite attraction of tourists, many of whom are thrilled to touch its famous crack. The Bell was rung to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and was rung every successive anniversary until 1835, when it cracked while tolling the death of Chief Justice John Marshall.

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